

REMARKS

Status

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 9, 2004, the status identifier for claim 21 has been changed from “previously amended” to “previously presented”.

Claims 21-26 remain pending in the subject application, which has been accepted for continued application status based on parent Application No. 09/645,292, filed August 24, 2000. Claims 21-26 have been found to contain allowable subject matter by the Primary Examiner in charge of this case.

Claims 1-20, 27-29 and 31-32 have been canceled and claim 30 has previously been canceled, all without prejudice. The foregoing claims have been canceled in this Amendment to remove all issues remaining and to permit this case to immediately pass to issue. The Applicant will file the canceled claims or claims of a similar content in a Continuation at a later date.

Drawings

The drawings have been accepted for publication.


Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-20, 27-29 and 31-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaw *et al.* (6,199,106) in view of newly cited Ogasawara (6,513,015). Although the Applicant continues to traverse equating the method and system disclosed in Shaw with the method and system of the foregoing claims and has determined that Ogasawara does not supply the deficiencies of Shaw, this rejection has now been overcome with the cancellation of claims 1-20, 27-29 and 31-32.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments in which allowed claims 21-26 are the only claims pending in the application, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and requests that the Primary Examiner have the formal Notice of Allowance mailed in due course.

Respectfully submitted,



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